

**Fire Department** 

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## MEDIA ADVISORY PROJECT ZERO MILWAUKEE FIREFIGHTERS FIND LOST CHILD

On Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2006 a woman who stated her son was missing since Thursday April 20th, 2006 approached members of Engine Company 6 located on West Brady Street. She went on to tell the firefighters that she had received information that her son was still in the area. She stated that the police department was also notified of this information. She gave a description of her son and asked the firefighters to keep an eye out for him.

Later in the day while returning from a run the firefighters noticed a boy sleeping at a bus stop. He matched the description of the missing child so the firefighters stopped and quickly determined he was indeed the missing child.

Firefighters reported he looked cold, tired and hungry. Firefighters immediately gained his acquaintance and let the young man try on their coats and helmets as they continued to talk to him. They assisted him back to their firehouse where they made a meal for him. The Police Department was also notified.

The Fire Lieutenant in charge noted the sprits of the boy were lifted by the actions of fire personnel and a new friendship was established, while the process was initiated to reconnect him with his family.

The Milwaukee Fire Department is committed to providing whatever assistance the citizens of Milwaukee need. The actions of these firefighters are notable, facilitating the return of a child reported missing by his mother.

If any media outlet would like to have an interview with a department member relating to these issues, or any other fire safety issues, please feel free to call Lieutenant Brian O 'Connor at (414) 286-8968, cell (414)-397-8591.

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